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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Charles Iona and I am writing against enlarging the present sanctuaries around the Hawaiian waters. I will admit that I am not a fisherman. I am at times a fisherman wanting to take my grandchildren to the waters edge to fish for shoreline type of species such as aholehole, oama, and halalu. I am not a commercial fishermen. I enjoy all types of water activities. I am sure that our economy, which is driven mainly by tourism, enjoys water activities as well. To enlarge the sanctuaries and prohibit activities would be another "nail in the coffin" for tourist not to come to Hawaii. We here compete like any other destination in the world for the tourist dollar. By limiting the ocean playground around the Hawaiian Islands you would be helping our economy to become nothing. I have to monitor a section of beaches which fronts the Waimea Plantation Cottages on the island of Kauai. On an average day, there are two to three vehicles on the beach with 5 fishermen casting their lines and sitting the entire day to catch maybe one or two large Ulua's. I see nothing wrong with that. Is that over fishing the waters? No! It's recreational. So in closing, while I am for protecting the endangered species such as whales and monk seals, I am not in favor of expanding the sanctuary boundaries. We have well enough measures in place.

Thank you,

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